

REMARKS

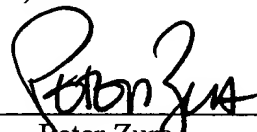
Claims 14-21 remain pending in this application. Claim 14 was amended in this response, and new claims 18-21 were added. No new matter has been introduced. Claims 9-13 were canceled, without prejudice.

Claim 17 is allowed.

Claims 9, 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Tamura* (US Patent 6,671,289). Claims 10, 11, 13 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Tamura* (US Patent 6,671,289) in view of *Zhang et al.* (US Patent 6,181,711). The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 14 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter identified in the Office Action dated April 19, 2005. In light of these amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 14 is in allowable form. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103 are traversed and should be withdrawn. An early Notice of Allowance is earnestly requested. If any fees are due in connection with this application as a whole, the Examiner is authorized to deduct such fees from deposit account no. 02-1818. If such a deduction is made, please indicate the attorney docket number (112740-113) on the account statement.

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